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*Lowell, Massachusetts 01852-1050*



**Memo**

To: Interim Superintendent, Liam Skinner  
From: Head of School, Michael Fiato  
Re: LHS Scholarships  
Date: August 11, 2023

Lowell High School's Student Support Services department facilitates School Counseling Curriculum and MyCAP (my career and academic plan) framework beginning in 9th grade with "Adjustment to High School, Change and Personal Growth". It continues in the 10th grade with "Self and Career Exploration". In 11th grade students participate in "Putting Plans into Action" activities and in 12th grade "The Road to Graduation and Beyond". Additionally, each year our students' complete activities and tasks aligned with CASEL (SEL) Competencies, Financial Literacy Skills and Portrait of a Graduate Aims.

Additionally, Student Support Services facilitates "Coffee with Counselors" for parents grades 9-12 in the morning and evening to increase parent involvement with college and career readiness.

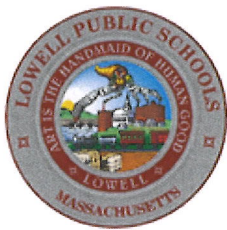
These presentations are also recorded in Spanish and Portuguese by our Parent Liaisons and posted to the LHS website. The links have also been emailed to parents upon request.

→ ["Coffee with Counselors" Junior Presentation in Portuguese](#)

→ ["Coffee with Counselors" Juniors Presentation in Spanish](#)

**College and Career events for grades 9-12 are advertised through the following modalities:**

- Advisory visits by School Counselors
- Google Classroom notifications
- Emails to students and parents
- School Counselor facilitated Grade Level presentations by House Office
- School Counselor facilitated classroom lessons taught by School Counselors
- "Learning Lunches" drop in sessions with College and Career Counselors
- Flex Blocks
- Morning Announcements



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- LHS website announcements
- LHS Newsletter and Week Ahead

**Honors Night Scholarship (LHS and GLCF Partnership)**

- Any senior with a 2.3 GPA is invited to an Honors Night Informational Session in collaboration with GLCF
- Seniors must have a 2.5 GPA at the end of semester one to be eligible to apply for various scholarships within the GLCF portal
- Scholarships are advertised through the following modalities:
  - Senior Presentations for students and parents
  - Emails to eligible students and parents
  - Google Classroom
  - “Learning Lunches” drop in sessions with College and Career Counselors
  - Flex Blocks
  - Morning Announcements
  - LHS website announcements
  - LHS Newsletter and Week Ahead
  - GLCF offers technical support for scholarship portal issues, questions

**→ Starting in SY23-24 LHS will incorporate the following steps as part of our efforts to increase scholarship awareness and completion:**

- ◆ Increase awareness of the importance of GPAs and college decision making, starting in grade 9 students receive a GPA at the end of the year (currently, students at the end of grade 10 receive their GPA for the first time)
- ◆ Schedule scholarship informational sessions in multiple languages for 11th and 12th grade students and during the school year at the school and in other community based locations.
- ◆ Guidance counselors push into Advisories, and provide workshop for students during, with a focus on those typically underrepresented
- ◆ Provide dedicated time for students to complete scholarship applications in Advisory, FLEX Block and/or ELA classes with support from counselors and teachers